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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2003, please extend the period for response one month, to expire on July 14, 2003. A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is enclosed.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is requested. Claims 33-36 are now in the case.

Claims 33, 34, and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). The Office believes the rejected claims are anticipated by Ferrara et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,391,311. Ferrara et al. is cited as teaching a protein which is 100% identical at residues 235-345 to

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